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Luis Manuel Ramirez, General Manager & CEO



**Fiscal and Management Control Board  
Transportation Board Room  
10 Park Plaza  
January 22, 2018  
12:00 p.m.  
*MEETING MINUTES***

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**Present:** Director Steven Poftak, Director Brian Shortsleeve and  
Director Monica Tibbits-Nutt

**Quorum Present:** Yes

**MassDOT Board Members:**

Secretary Stephanie Pollack, Director Robert Moylan, Director  
Dean Mazzearella, Director Joseph Sullivan, Director Dominic  
Blue, Director Betsy Taylor, Director Ruth Bonsignore and  
Director Tim King.

**Also Present:** Luis Ramirez, Jeffrey Gonneville, Mike Abramo, Marie, Breen,  
Owen Kane, Nathan Peyton, Mike Verseckes and Laurel  
Paget-Seekins

**PROCEEDINGS:**

At the call of Vice Chair Steven Poftak, a meeting of the Fiscal and  
Management Control Board (FMCB) was called to order at 2:05 p.m. at the State  
Transportation Building, Transportation Board Room, 10 Park Plaza, Boston,  
Massachusetts joining the MassDOT Board of Directors Meeting for Joint Board  
presentations.

Chair Pollack asked Vice Chair Poftak to give the report of the FMCB, Agenda Item 10. Vice Chair Poftak updated the MassDOT Board on matters discussed at the last three FMCB meetings. Mr. Poftak noted that the FMCB had been presented with updates on the Integrated Fleet and Facility Maintenance Plan; Bus Maintenance Overview; Bus Productivity Initiative; Workforce Modernization; Red/Orange Line Program; Commuter Rail and Keolis and KPMG financial statements. Mr. Poftak said the FMCB Directors had begun discussion on a new meeting structure for the upcoming year and concluded that the Board had also voted to accept the FMCB Annual Report which was filed with the Legislature at the end of December.

**On motion duly made and seconded, it was;**

**VOTED: to adjourn the MassDOT Board of Directors meeting at 2:11 p.m.**

After a brief recess, the meeting of the Fiscal and Management Control Board was reconvened by Vice Chair Poftak at 2:18 p.m.

Vice Chair Poftak opened up the public comment session.

The first speaker was Louise Baxter from the TRU who commented on the youth pass distribution.

Next, Stephen Kaiser commented on winter priorities, budget and staff process, the Allston I-90 project and capacity.

Lastly, Carl Seglem commented on service delivery, reliability and board process posting of documents.

Next, Vice Chair Poftak called upon General Manager Luis Ramirez to present Agenda Item 11, the Report of the General Manager. Mr. Ramirez prefaced his remarks with a commendation to Bus Operator Emil Hovanesian who was driving along Route 136 and rescued a man lying on the ground whose wheelchair had topped over and whose actions may have prevented serious injury or worse. Mr. Hovanesian received a citation from the General Manager and photo with the Board.

Mr. Ramirez continued with his report by announcing a tentative agreement with IAM Local 264; provided an update on the RIDE Access Center's new procurement; noted that the MBTA had posted an RFR for Late Night Bus Service on Commbuys; and that the Capital Delivery and Capital Program Oversight Teams relocation back to 10 Park Plaza had begun, as set forth in the attached document labeled, "General Manager's Remarks, January 22, 2018." Discussion ensued.

Next, Vice Chair Poftak called upon Nathan Peyton, MassDOT's Deputy Chief of Staff to present Agenda Item 12, the FMCB Public Schedule. Mr. Peyton reviewed upcoming agenda items with the Board, as set forth in the attached

document labeled, "FMCB Public Schedule, January 22, 2018." Discussion ensued.

Vice Chair Poftak next called upon Laurel Paget-Seekins, Director of Strategic Initiatives to present Agenda Item 13, an update on the Youth Pass. Ms. Paget-Seekins noted that the FMCB made the MBTA more affordable for young people in the Boston region with the Student Pass and the Youth Pass and provided statistics to the Board, as set forth in the attached presentation labeled, "Youth and Student Pass Update, January 22, 2018." Discussion ensued.

On motion duly made and seconded, it was:

**VOTED:**

**WHEREAS, the Fiscal and Management Control Board (the "FMCB") voted on June 6, 2016 to extend and expand the Youth Pass Program with the goal of providing affordable transit access for low-income young people; and**

**WHEREAS, the Federal Transit Administration ("FTA") Title VI Circular 4702.1B requires the Massachusetts Bay Transportation Authority ("MBTA") to conduct a fare equity analysis for fare changes that lasts longer than six months to evaluate the impacts of the fare change and determine whether the fare change would have a discriminatory impact based on race, color, or national origin, and whether low-income populations would bear disproportionate burdens or non-low-income populations would receive disproportionate benefits because of the changes; and**

**WHEREAS, the MBTA staff has completed and presented to the FMCB, an equity analysis as to the Youth Pass Program, as expanded, and determined that there is not a disparate impact nor a disproportionate**

**burden to minorities or low-income individuals, nor disproportionate benefits to non-low-income populations; and**

**WHEREAS, the FMCB has considered and reviewed the Title VI Equity Analysis;**

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT VOTED:**

**The FMCB hereby accepts the Youth Pass Program Title VI Equity Analysis determinations on behalf of the MBTA and directs the General Manager or his designee to take all steps necessary to provide notice of such acceptance to the Federal Transit Administration.**

Next, Mr. Poftak called upon General Manager Ramirez to present Agenda Item 14, a discussion on the FY19 Operating Budget and Priorities. Mr. Ramirez noted that preliminary department budgets had been submitted and department heads have been engaged in meetings. He said the deadline for the FMCB to approve the preliminary itemized budget will be March 15 and the deadline for the approval of the final budget will be April 15. The GM concluded by discussing strategic priorities to deliver a balanced MBTA operating budget, as set forth in the attached document labeled, "FY19 Budget Process Kick-Off, January 22, 2018." Discussion ensued.

On motion duly made and seconded, it was by roll call;

Director Poftak	Yes
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Director Shortsleeve	Yes
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Director Tibbits-Nutt	Yes
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**VOTED: To enter into Executive Session at 3:02 for a discussion of strategy related to real estate, collective bargaining and potential litigation.**

**Documents relied upon for this meeting.**

General Manager's Remarks, January 22, 2018

FMCB Public Schedule, January 22, 2018

Youth and Student Pass Update, January 22, 2018

FY19 Budget Process Kick-Off, January 22, 2018